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always write worse

from your sister

Anne M. M. M.

Dear John

I am very glad I have the chance to write to you. I have always been ashamed when I think of the letter I wrote to you the first time I was in a great hurry and had nothing to say hardly so I just said any thing that I first thought of but I will try and do better this time Anna and myself has been busy washing all day and I don't think that I will have time to finish it Father is getting ready to go to a meeting at Mr. Knott's house Father goes to a meeting every other Sunday at a schoolhouse by our place and he goes through the week sometimes to a prayer meeting there to and there is a prayer meeting in Mr. Smith's house every week there is a prayer meeting every Sunday night at Gray's schoolhouse there is no Sunday school there now and we have to go with Father now. I have got a little book called dew. I brought it this morning from a colporteur I guess this will be enough so good bye right soon as you can. from Mary M.

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Dear John

Feb 4 1861

I suppose you think I should have wrote long before but I guess the moss has not grown over the one you wrote to me yet. but I did write ^{part of} one to you and then I thought you would come and so I put it in the fire. but perhaps you did not know that Mary and myself were going to school we have gone most all winter but Joanna has not gone more then half of the time but it closes just one week from today. and the teachers name is Mr Daniel O Gilfillan and he is a scotchman like your self There is a lot of lumber drawn to make a new school house it is just a little piece this side of Mr Kinneys gate it will be a good lot nearer for us But we were very much disapointed when you did not come Joanna was sure you would come. But you must try and come soon just as soon as you can I have been up at ^{Mrs} Margaret R-s house just once This is about the same time that ~~we~~ were all sick and a lot of us ^{have been} sick again ~~it was~~ Mother and Daniel and David and Mary and Joanna and me self but we ar all better but Daniel. But there is some one knocking at the door in comes a colporteur from the american tract society his name is Mr S Sawyer but I will have to stop now be sure and write soon. It is miserable writing but when I try to write well I

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Feb. 19, 1861.

Dear John:

I suppose you think I should have written long before, but I guess the moss has not grown over the one you wrote to me yet. But I did write part of one to you, and then I thought you would come and so I put it in the fire. But perhaps you did not know that Mary and myself were going to school. We have gone most all winter, but Joanna has not gone more than half of the time. But it closes just one week from to-day, and the teacher's name is Mr. Daniel E. Gilfillan, and he is a Scotchman, like yourself.

There is a lot of lumber drawn to make a new schoolhouse, - it is just a little piece this side of Mr. Kinny's gate. It will be a good lot nearer for us.

But we were very much disappointed when you did not come. Joanna was sure you would come. But you must try and come soon — just as soon as you can. I have been up at Mrs. Margaret R[eid]'s house just once. This was about the same time that we were all sick, and a lot of us have been sick again, - Mother and Daniel and David and Mary and Joanna and myself, but we are all better but Daniel. But there is someone knocking at the door. In comes a colporteur(?) from the American tract society. His name is Mr. Sawyer. But I will have to stop now. Be sure and write soon. It is miserable writing, but when I try to write well I always write worse.

From your sister

Anne Muir

I guess I will write to you next week.

D.G.M.

Dear John:

I am very glad I have the chance to write to you. I have always been ashamed when I think of the letter I wrote to you the first time. I was in a great hurry and had nothing to say hardly, so I just said anything that I first thought of. But I will try and do better this time. Anna and myself have been busy washing all day, and I don't think that I will have time to finish it. Father is getting ready to go to a meeting at Mr. Arnot's house. Father goes to a meeting every other Sunday at a schoolhouse beyond Belfountain, and he goes through the week sometimes to a prayer meeting there too. And there is a prayer meeting in Mr. Smith's house every week. There is a prayer meeting every Sunday night at Gray's schoolhouse. There is no Sunday School there now and we have to go with Father now.

I have got a little book called "Dew Drops." I bought it this morning from a colporteur. I guess this will be enough, so goodbye. Write soon as you can.

From

Mary Muir. (Hand).

What will be the best direction to write on your letters?